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SUBJECT: FRG REPLY TO PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY ABOUT RIAS

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1. THE FRG MINISTER OF INNER- GERMAN RELATIONS, EGON FRANKE, HAS REPLIED IN WRITING TO THE PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY POSED BY JUERGEN WOHLRABE. BERLIN CDU DEPUTY IN THE BUNDESTAG, IN REFTEL, DEALING WITH RIAS AND FRG SUPPORT OF RIAS. THE RESPONSE WAS WORDED AS FOLLOWS:

2. Q. ARE THE REPORTS TRUE THAT RIAS WILL BE MERGED WITH SFB (SENDER FREIES BERLIN) WITHIN TWO YEARS?

A. IN ANSWER TO A QUESTION BY FORMER BUNDESTAG DEPUTY CANZLER, I STATED ON JULY 31, 1972, THAT A TAKEOVER OF RIAS BY SFB HAS NEITHER BEEN DISCUSSED NOR PLANNED. IN THAT REGARD, NOTHING HAS CHANGED.

Q. IS THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT PREPARED ALSO IN THE FUTURE TO PROVIDE EVERY KIND OF SUPPORT, SO THAT RIAS CAN CARRY ON ITS DIVERSE INFORMATION MISSIONS, PARTICULARLY FOR THE PEOPLE OF BERLIN AND THE GDR?

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A. THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IS PREPARED TO DO THAT, TO THE
EXTENT IT IS NECESSARY.

(END Q. AND Q.)

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